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NOTICE OF MEETING

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

May 14, 2003
10:00 A.M.
1/State Capitol, Room 113
Sacramento, California 95814

PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM NO.

1. Roll Call
2. Funding Status -- Informational
3. Proposed Consent Calendar (Items 4 through 21)
- *4. Approval of Minutes – November 22, 2002 and February 11, 2003
- *5. Recovery of Funds

* Proposed Consent Calendar

1/ These facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities

- *6. Hermosa Beach Fishing Pier Improvements, \$324,000.00
Los Angeles County

To consider a cooperative project with the City of Hermosa Beach to improve public access to the Hermosa Beach Fishing Pier, located at the end of Pier Avenue in the City of Hermosa Beach on California's southern coast. The project would provide a new ADA compliant restroom next to the pier and renovate the old concrete entranceway to the pier. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund (Prop 40), Section 5096.650]

- *7. Carrizo Plain Ecological Reserve, Expansion 4, \$346,000.00
American Ranch Unit, San Luis Obispo County

To consider the acquisition of 640± acres of land for the purposes of protecting several sensitive plant and animal species and to establish a significant wildlife linkage between the Department of Fish and Game's Carrizo Plain Ecological Reserve and the Carrizo Plain National Monument, in eastern San Luis Obispo County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Section 2786 (b/c)]

- *8. Lokern Ecological Reserve, Expansion 22, Kern County \$26,000.00

To consider the acquisition of 80± acres of privately-owned land as an expansion to the State's Lokern Ecological Reserve, located approximately 30 miles west of Bakersfield, near the town of Buttonwillow, for the protection of numerous rare and natural communities and threatened and endangered species. [Department of Water Resources – Mitigation Funds]

- *9. San Joaquin River Parkway, Habitat Restoration and Public \$440,135.00
Access Plan, Jensen River Ranch, Fresno County

To consider a cooperative project with the Department of Water Resources to complete final construction working drawings and specifications, secure environmental and regulatory compliance, and prepare cost estimate alternatives for the San Joaquin River Conservancy's Jensen River Ranch Habitat Enhancement and Public Access Project located at the Conservancy's Jensen River Ranch in Fresno County. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clear Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act (Prop 12), Section 5096.355]

- *10. San Joaquin River Parkway, MacMichael Trail, Fresno County \$31,180.00

To consider a cooperative project with the San Joaquin River Conservancy to construct a 1.4 mile public access loop trail, fencing, bollards and signage at the Conservancy's Jensen River Ranch in Fresno County. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clear Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act (Prop 12), Section 5096.355]

- *11. Wetland Habitat Restoration, Volta Wildlife Area, Merced County \$67,000.00

To consider an allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. (DU), for a cooperative project with DU, the Department of Fish and Game (DFG), the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Board to enhance 2,930± acres of wetland wildlife habitat on and adjacent to the DFG's Volta Wildlife Area, located five miles east of the community of Santa Nella in Merced County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Section 2786 (d), IWCP]

- *12. Wetland Habitat Restoration, Los Banos Wildlife Area, Mud Slough Unit, Merced County \$110,000.00

To consider an allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. (DU), for a cooperative project with DU, the Department of Fish and Game (DFG), the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Board to enhance 475± acres of wetland wildlife habitat on the DFG's Los Banos Wildlife Area, Mud Slough Unit, located five miles east of the City of Los Banos in Merced County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Section 2786 (d), IWCP]

- *13. Cosumnes River, Dry Creek Vernal Pools, San Joaquin County \$1,460,000.00

To consider an allocation for a grant to The Nature Conservancy for the acquisition of a conservation easement over 2,866± acres of privately-owned land for protection of sensitive species and vernal pool habitat located in northeast San Joaquin County at the junction of Highway 88 and Liberty Road. [River Protection Subaccount (Prop 13)]

- *14. Hogback Island Fishing Access, Sacramento County \$135.00

To consider the renewal of a cooperative agreement with the County of Sacramento to maintain public fishing access to Steamboat Slough, the Sacramento River and the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta at the State-owned Hogback Island Fishing Access located on Grand Island approximately two miles north of the City of Isleton in Sacramento County. The County will operate and maintain the existing boat ramp, parking lot, picnic area and portable restrooms on the site. [Wildlife Restoration Fund]

- *15. Black Forest, Lake County \$240,000.00

To consider an allocation for a grant to Lake County Land Trust in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management to assist in the acquisition of vacant land totaling 247± acres located southeasterly of the community of Lakeport in Lake County, to preserve the intact conifer forest, cultural artifacts and to facilitate public access. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Section 2786 (a)]

- *16. Mattole River Ecological Reserve, Expansions 11 – 14, \$866,000.00
Mendocino and Humboldt Counties

To consider an allocation for four separate grants to Sanctuary Forest to assist in the acquisition of four separate properties consisting of 450± acres for the preservation of old-growth redwood and mixed coniferous forest and Mattole River watershed lands adjoining the Mattole River Ecological Reserve. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clear Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act (Prop 12), Section 5096.350 (a)(4)(3)]

- *17. Sacramento River Conservation Area (Gaines), Expansion 7, \$243,000.00
Glenn County

To consider an allocation for a grant to the Sacramento River Partners to acquire 36± acres of land, located on the west bank of the Sacramento River, at the State Highway 162 bridge crossing, near Butte City, for protection and enhancement of riparian and aquatic habitat. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Section 2786 (e/f)]

- *18. Riparian Habitat Restoration, Sacramento River, Del Rio Site, \$428,000.00
Glenn County

To consider an allocation for a grant to Sacramento River Partners for a cooperative project to restore approximately 96 acres of riparian habitat on their property located approximately one-half mile east of the Sacramento River and three miles north of Butte City in Glenn County. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clear Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act (Prop 12), Section 5096.350 (a)(2)]

- *19. Wetland Habitat Restoration (Little Dry Creek Farms), \$83,000.00
Butte County

To consider an allocation for a grant to the California Waterfowl Association (CWA) for a cooperative project with CWA, the landowner, the Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Board to restore 465 acres of wetlands, 80 acres of uplands and 40 acres of riparian habitat on privately-owned property six miles east of the community of Butte City. [Inland Wetlands Conservation Fund]

- *20. Lassen Foothills Ecological Reserve, Expansions 2 and 3, \$1,163,000.00
Shasta and Tehama Counties

To consider an allocation for two separate grants to The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to assist in its purchase of conservation easements over 10,990± acres, for the purposes of protecting Blue Oak woodlands, riparian and aquatic habitats, vernal pools and grasslands, located east of Red Bluff. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clear Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act (Prop 12), Section 5096.350 (a)(5)]

- *21. Department of Fish and Game Land Management Plans, \$753,540.00
Sacramento Valley – Central Sierra Region, Yolo and Sacramento Counties;
Central Coast Region, Monterey County; San Joaquin Valley – Southern Sierra
Region, Fresno, Madera and Kern Counties; Eastern Sierra – Inland Desert Region,
Riverside and Mono Counties.

To consider an allocation to the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) for the preparation of seven land management plans for various DFG properties as follows: Sacramento Valley – Central Sierra Region: Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, Yolo County and Lower Sherman Island Wildlife Area, Sacramento County; Central Coast Region: Elkhorn Slough Ecological Reserve, Monterey County; San Joaquin Valley – Southern Sierra Region: San Joaquin River Ecological Reserve, Fresno and Madera Counties and Canebrake Ecological Reserve, Kern County; Eastern Sierra – Inland Desert Region: Peninsular Ranges, Riverside County and By Day Creek Ecological Reserve, Mono County. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Prop 40), Section 5096.650]

22. Ramona Grasslands, San Diego County \$1,406,000.00

To consider an allocation of a grant to The Nature Conservancy to assist in its fee acquisition of 420± acres of privately-owned land located in the unincorporated community of Ramona, for the purposes of protecting extensive grassland habitat. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act (Prop 12), Section 5096.350 (a)(5)]

23. Iron Mountain Preserve, Expansion 2 (Boulder Oaks), \$3,313,000.00
San Diego County

To consider an allocation for a grant to San Diego County to assist in its fee acquisition of 1,214± acres as an expansion of the Iron Mountain Preserve, located off Mussey Grade Road south of Ramona for the purpose of protecting endangered species habitat. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act (Prop 12), Section 5096.350 (a)(6)]

24. San Miguel Ranch, Expansion 1, San Diego County \$1,703,000.00

To consider an allocation for a grant to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to assist in the acquisition of 5.86± acres of privately-owned land, located on Proctor Valley Road, south of the City of Chula Vista, in central San Diego County, to protect rare and sensitive species and habitats. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act (Prop 12), Section 5096.350 (a)(6)]

25. San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area, Expansion 3, \$9,020,000.00
San Diego County

To consider the acquisition of 7,485± acres of privately-owned land located approximately 11 miles east of the town of Julian on State Route 78 and San Felipe Valley Road as an addition to the State's San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area for the protection of wildlife habitat. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Prop 40), Section 5096.650]

26. Natural Community Conservation Planning, \$36,005,375.00
Orange and San Diego Counties

To consider an allocation for a grant to the State Coastal Conservancy for the purpose of funding the acquisition of one or more real properties in conjunction with Natural Community Conservation Plans approved by the Department of Fish and Game prior to January 1, 1999. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act (Prop 12), Section 5096.350 (a)(6)]

27. Cleveland National Forest Wildlife Corridors, \$13,235,000.00
Orange County

To consider an allocation of a grant to The Trust for Public Land to acquire up to 5,300± acres of land, for the protection of threatened and endangered species habitat, highly valued endemic flora and fauna species, as well as regionally significant wildlife corridors located within the Cleveland National Forest in the Santa Ana Mountains. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act (Prop 12), Section 5096.350 (a)(6)]

28. Cleveland National Forest Wildlife Corridors, Expansion 1, \$1,795,000.00
Orange County

To consider an allocation of a grant to the County of Orange to purchase approximately 450± acres of land, for the protection of threatened and endangered species habitat, highly valued endemic flora and fauna species, as well as regionally significant wildlife corridors located in the areas of Fremont and Harding Canyons within the Santa Ana Mountains in the Cleveland National Forest. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act (Prop 12), Section 5096.350 (a)(6)]

29. Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve, Expansions 4, 5 and 6, Riverside County \$6,580,000.00

To consider the acquisition of 3,534± acres of land in fee, accept the assignment of a conservation easement over an additional 170± acres of land, and to consider the conditional acceptance of an additional 165± acres in fee, all as additions to the Department of Fish and Game's Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve located westerly of the city of Temecula in Riverside County. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act (Prop 12), Section 5096.350 (a)/California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Prop 40), Section 5096.650]

30. Wilson Creek Riparian Corridor, Riverside County \$5,005,000.00

To consider an allocation for a grant to Riverside County to assist in the acquisition of 884± acres to establish and protect a contiguous landscape linkage, habitat nodes for wildlife dispersal and wildlife connectivity between the Cleveland National Forest and the San Bernardino National Forest located in southwestern Riverside County. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Prop 40), Section 5096.650]

31. Alberhill Conservation Area, Expansion 1, Riverside County \$5,010,000.00

This proposal is to consider an allocation for a block grant to the County of Riverside to assist in its purchase of one or more real properties, totaling up to 9,422± acres. Acquisition of the real property will preserve a regionally significant wildlife corridor and protect threatened and endangered wildlife, native plants and special habitats and further implement joint federal, state and local Natural Community Conservation Planning efforts in western Riverside County. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Prop 40), Section 5096.650]

32. Coachella Valley Ecological Reserve, Expansions 24 and 25, Riverside County \$4,083,000.00

To consider the acquisition of two separate ownerships as expansions 24 and 25 to the Coachella Valley Ecological Reserve, totaling 1,014 acres of land within the "blow sand wind corridor" located easterly of the community of Thousand Palms in Riverside County, for the protection of blow sand dependent species. This proposal is also to consider the acceptance of a Habitat Conservation Assistance Grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service providing \$4,000,000.00 in Section 6 funds to be applied toward the acquisition. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act (Prop 12), Section 5096.350 (a)(5)/California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Prop 40), Section 5096.650]

33. Joughin Ranch, Los Angeles County \$5,005,000.00

To consider an allocation for a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to assist in the cooperatively funded acquisition of 1,732± acres of privately-owned land, located on the southern slope of the Santa Susana Mountains, north of Chatsworth, in Los Angeles County, for the protection of wildlife habitat and habitat corridors to promote the recovery of rare and sensitive species. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act (Prop 12), Section 5096.350 (a)(5)]

34. Sea West Ranch, San Luis Obispo County \$6,505,000.00

To consider an allocation for a grant to the California Department of Parks and Recreation to assist in the cooperatively funded acquisition of 748± acres of land, located along the Harmony coast, between the communities of Cambria and Cayucos, in northern San Luis Obispo County, for the protection of sensitive, threatened and endangered species and coastal habitat. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act (Prop 12), Section 5096.350 (a)(5)]

35. Diablo Range Conservation Area, Bear Valley Unit, \$2,678,000.00
Expansion 1, Monterey County

To consider an allocation for a grant to the California Rangeland Trust for a cooperative project to acquire a conservation easement over 6,917± acres of private land, located within the Diablo Range, approximately seven miles northwest of the City of Parkfield, in Monterey County, for the conservation of riparian and oak woodland habitats and habitat corridors and protection of federal and State threatened, endangered and special concern listed species. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Prop 40), Section 5096.650]

36. Glenwood Meadows, Santa Cruz County \$5,000,000.00

To consider an allocation for a grant to the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County to assist in the acquisition of up to 165± acres for the preservation and enhancement of habitat for a number of sensitive species located west of Highway 17, in the northern portion of Scotts Valley. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act (Prop 12), Section 5096.350 (a)(3)]

37. Wetland Habitat Restoration, Eden Landing Ecological Reserve, Alameda County \$2,260,000.00

To consider an allocation for a grant to the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) for a cooperative project with the EBRPD, the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and the Board to continue the restoration of 791± acres of wetland wildlife habitat on the DFG's Eden Landing Ecological Reserve, located on the eastern edge of San Francisco Bay in the City of Hayward. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Prop 50), Section 79572 (c)]

38. Riparian Habitat Restoration, Chileno Creek, Marin County \$389,000.00

To consider an allocation for a grant to the Marin County Resource Conservation District for a cooperative project to restore approximately 50 acres of riparian habitat along two miles of Chileno Creek located on privately-owned property near the City of Petaluma in eastern Marin County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Sec. 2786 (b/c)]

39. VanHoosear Wildflower Preserve, Sonoma County \$1,705,000.00

To consider an allocation for a grant to the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District to assist in the acquisition of a conservation easement over 165± acres for the preservation of extremely rare valley floor wildflower habitat on Grove Street, approximately one mile southwest of Carriger Road in the town of Sonoma. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Prop 40), Section 5096.650]

40. Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, Water Distribution System, Phases IV and V, Butte County \$1,490,000.00

To consider an allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. (DU) for a cooperative project with DU, the Department of Fish and Game, the North American Wetlands Conservation Act and the Board to construct nearly 36,000 feet of water supply canals, renovate 16,500 feet of existing canals, and construct four major and numerous minor water control structures on the DFG's Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, located seven miles southeast of the City of Gridley in Butte County. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act (Prop 12), Section 5096.350 (a)(1)(A)]

41. Habitat Restoration, Battle Creek Wildlife Area, Shasta County \$260,000.00

To consider an allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited for a cooperative project to restore approximately nine acres of wetland and 24 acres of riparian habitat along one mile of Battle Creek located on State Department of Fish and Game property located approximately six miles east of the town of Cottonwood in Shasta County. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act (Prop 12), Section 5096.350 (a)(2)]

42. Fitzhugh Creek, Modoc County

\$1,332,000.00

To consider the acquisition of 2,080 acres of land for the purposes of protecting critical wildlife habitat and to provide public access for hunting and fishing located approximately 15 miles southeast of Alturas and about five miles south of the Pine Creek Wildlife Area in Modoc County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Section 2786 (b/c)]

Other Business

(Inquiries regarding agenda items may be directed to Al Wright, Executive Director of the Wildlife Conservation Board, at the address and telephone number shown on the letterhead.)